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This entire case needs to be dismissed. Anti Trust made no sense in the beginning and makes no sense now. The people who have made the most noise about this case and have prompted the government to pursue action against Microsoft are the people who want any and all competition to go away, specifically Larry Ellison of Oracle, Scott McNeely of Sun and those in charge of Netscape. Microsoft may have gone beyond the acceptable to 'compete?', however, the Government has gone beyond sanity in its contention that competition is not acceptable to Microsoft. Regarding operating systems, I believe that everyone who pays attention, knows that a myriad of operating systems will never occur. Effectively, Industry has determined that there are three effective operating systems with which they will participate: 1) IBM and their Mainframe environment, which serves large scale systems, 2) The UNIX environment that serves mid-size and client server systems, and 3) Windows, which serves the desktop and acts as the clients to the client-server environment.

If a company was to create the next 'better' operating system, one of the three above would disappear, just as Digital's VM Operating system dissipated and then disappeared with the growth of UNIX and Windows. By the way, the demise of Digital, created the birth of Oracle and SUN. You did not hear Ellison and McNeely complain about that one.

Lastly, Apple Computer has been around for years. They have been unsuccessful, not because of Microsoft but because of their inability to serve the business marketplace and because the business marketplace saw no room for them.

Please stop this nonsense against Microsoft and move on.

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